

A MOST

HONOVRABLE AND WORTHY S P E E C H

Made in the House of Commons in Parliament
On Wednesday Decemb. 29. 1641.

By Mr. SMITH Esquire.

Concerning the miserable and distressed e-
state of the Protestants of *Ireland*.

Which if not speedily relieved with ayd and succour, they will
vitterly be destroyed, and that Kingdome in danger to be lost.

As also his humble motion, for the suppressing of the
Riotous and tumultuous Assemblies of divers Citizens and
others, who are the disturbers of both Houses of
PARLIAMENT.

In handling the great and weighty affayres of these two King-
domes *England*, and *Ireland*.



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SMITH'S MUSEUM

As before will this old man tell the higher one

1. *What is the best way to get rid of a cold?*

1. **THEORY** **OF** **THE** **ATMOSPHERE** **AND** **CLIMATE** **OF** **THE** **EARTH** **AND** **THE** **UNIVERSE** **BY** **JOHN** **THOMAS** **STEVENS** **1837**

Concord, No. 10, 1870, and his wife
Anna, his wife, a widow.

Mr. SMITHS SPEECH

in the Lower House of Parliament

made on Wednesday the 29. of December, 1641.

Mr. Speaker,

He busynesse we have now in agitation concerning the Irish affayres and the treaty with the Scottish Commissioners for their timely assistance of ayd) being to be determined this day, is of great consequence and waight, even of such impertance that I have not read of greater when the greatest troubles were in that Kingdome in Queen Elizabeth her Reign of good memory, these troubles with them being comparatively familiarized is of farre greater danger, and I would to God we might so agree with the Lords that a speedy concurrence might be with the Scots towards their relief in Ireland.

Yet notwithstanding (Mr. Speaker) the greatness of this Rebellion and most outragious cruelties committed daily by the Rebels hazarding mecrely the losse of that Kingdome without speedy helpe (which takes up all our debates

and arguments, if we remove not therewithall
such impediments here at home as doe hinder
our speedy proceedings not onely in that busi-
nesse but in the settling of the peace and quiet of
this Kingdome all our endeavours in the sup-
pressing the Rebels in *Ireland* will little availe,
Mr. Speaker under favour of this Honorable
assembly I intend to give you a touch of such
letts which doe much hinder us as I conceive
in expediting the great affaires of Church and
state, and our proceeding against such as are In-
-dependentes and delinquents in the same.

We have daily you know Mr. Speaker re-
ceived petitions from the Citizens of London
some of them having beeene delivered by good
hands and men of good worth and quallity
which we have willingly taken and I doubt not
but we shall in due time give them good sat-
isfaction in answering of them.

Likewise we have received petitions from
abrupt and disordred Persons without any mat-
ter that may deserve our considerations but are
more fitter to be rejected as (vnder favour con-
ceive them received).

But Mr. Speaker that which I intend to
intimate vnto you as the greatest stop
in our proceedings is the riotous & tumultuous
assembly of vaine and idle Persons who pre-
sume to be girt our House not only in an Irre-
guler maner to prefere their petitions but with
open

open clamour would prescribe us what Laws to
Enact and what not, and what persons to pro-
secute and who not.

These tumultuous persons Mr. Speaker takes up a great deale of our precious time in answering and appeasing of them, when as I conceive other businesse more neerely concerning the welfare and security of his Sacred Majesty, and his Kingdome lyes even as it were gasping and ready to perish for want of our timely assistance.

Mr. Speaker, our patience I perswade my selfe is one of the greatest causes that animates and encourages those illegall outrages, and if some rebukes were ministred from the house to them, they would not surely bee so audacious.

It is true Mr. Speaker, I confess it that their trading is decayed and hard for them (many of them) to subsist with their families by reason of the slow proceedings against delinquents. The reason whereof they are yncapable of neither, as I conceive should they be made acquainted therewith, otherwise then to understand that these vnseasonable and vnfitting re-paire to the House is one principall cause thereof.

Therefore Sir I conceive if some speedy course were taken for the suppressing these tumults by a strict guard about the House with a command not onely by persuasions to avert their resort hither, but to shooe at them if they obstinately refuse to be perswaded, it will be the best and speediest meanes to repell them.

Likewise that in the City of London and Subburbes by some trusty Officers appointed by the House, for that service diligent search may bee made for Papists and Recusants to apprehend them if they finde them armed with any Weapons, and to bring them before a Committee for examination appointed for that purpose, and this is my humble motion,

For Mr. Speaker, the Papists resort as well as others hither, to severall places as I am informed, which as these tumultuous persons pretend, is one great cause of their meeting here, which if they perceive that they be prosecuted according to the Lawes of this Kingdome in that case enacted, I conceive they shall have lesse cause th trouble vs.

And truly Sir, may I speake my mind really herein I perswade my selfe, that valesse the Lawes be put in execution with severity again some of the greatest Recusants, to make them exemplary to the rest, and that with speed, neither this City nor other places of this Kingdome

dom can be secure from their diuelish practi-
zes and plots, and that our too favourable pro-
ceedings against them if so continued, may prove
our too late repentance, if any of their perverse
and wicked Stratagems should take effect, which
God forbid I heartily wish, and that such course
may be taken by the blessing of the Almighty
on our endeavours, that for ever all the Inhabi-
tants of his Majesties Kingdome that are true
Christians and Loyall Subjects, may lye
downe in peace and rise in safety.

To which I shall alwaies
say, *Amen.*

FINIS.